

5. Prayer of Thanksgiving (In unison).

"It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, who art King over all, and who in the multitude of Thy Mercies hast brought us to this day. We thank Thee for all Thy goodness and loving kindness. For the gracious Providence that guided and sustained us in the dark days of the War, and for the defence Thou didst raise up for us in our necessity; we give Thee thanks and praise. For the grace that upheld us through the years of peril and sorrow, and for the deliverance Thou didst vouchsafe to us; we bless and praise Thy Holy Name. We cried unto Thee in trouble, and Thou didst hear us: we put our trust in Thee, and were not confounded. Grant, O Lord, we humbly beseech Thee, that we, being mindful of Thy great goodness, may yield ourselves in new obedience to Thy holy will, and live as those who are not their own, but are bought with a price; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth and is worshipped and glorified with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God for evermore." Amen.

6. Prayers.

(a) A Litany of Intercession which, if preferred, may be used as an Intercessory Prayer.

Leader: Almighty God, who has taught us to make supplications, prayers, and intercessions for all men, we pray this day for all those who are hungry and without bread; for those made homeless by war's desolation; for separated families; for all the bereaved; for orphaned children and for all who have suffered in any way under the scourge of war;

Congregation: We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Leader: For the men and women of our armed forces at home and throughout the world; for the sick and wounded in the hospitals; for doctors, nurses and all who minister to the sick and suffering; and for those who are prisoners of war;

Congregation: We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Leader: For our beloved nation and those whom we have placed in authority; for our homes that they may be Christian; for our schools and the teachers of our children; and for all institutions and organizations that serve our country's welfare;

Congregation: We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Leader: For the church of Jesus Christ our Lord throughout the world; for ministers who serve in His name; for missionaries at home and abroad; (for chaplains in the armed forces); for those who have suffered for their Christian faith;

Congregation: We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Leader: For the uprooting of all causes of war; for the ending of prejudices of race and nation; for the confounding of those who delight in war and the strengthening of all peace makers;

Congregation: Hear us and use us, good Lord.

Leader: For the triumph of justice in every human relationship; for the liberation of the oppressed and for the lasting freedom of all Thy children;

Congregation: Hear us and use us, good Lord.

Leader: For the coming of that day when all men shall know the Lord and the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of Jesus Christ; for the coming of the time when nation shall not lift up sword against nation nor learn war any more;

Congregation: Hear us and use us, good Lord.

Leader: O merciful Father, we beseech Thee so to send forth Thy Spirit into Thy world that all leaders of men everywhere, the rulers and spokesmen of the nations, may be instructed in the ways of peace, kept free from pride and evil ambitions, and so guided in all their doings that they may make Thy ways known upon the earth, Thy saving health among all nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(b) Gracious God, Who hast opened a door of love into Thy Presence, hear now, we beseech Thee, our intercessions for all our brethren. We remember at Thy Throne our native land and the far-flung peoples of the British Commonwealth of Nations. May our Empire's life be rooted in everlasting righteousness. Make us equal to our high trusts, disciplined in the use of freedom, just in the exercise of power and generous in the protection of the weak. Abundantly bless Thy servants our King and Queen, and every member of the Royal House. Inspire the statesmen throughout the Empire, that they may seek Thy Kingdom, and make common cause with all those who are striving for righteousness and peace, and for the establishment of justice and freedom for all peoples, both great and small, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

7. Scripture Lessons.

Isaiah 40: 1--11.
Revelation 21: 1--7.

8. The Chaplain shall offer a Prayer of Remembrance.

"God of all worlds, who by the Resurrection of our Saviour Christ hast caused the light of eternal life to shine upon the world, we remember, in our prayer before Thee, all those who laid down their lives for our sakes, by whose fidelity we have been preserved in peace and safety and by whose sacrifice we live with quiet and grateful hearts: we commend them evermore to Thee, upheld at all times by the blessed assurance that Thou, O Lord, redeemest the souls of Thy servants and that none who trust in Thee shall be desolate. Keep our love for our heroic dead unwasted in the midst of the years, and so fill our hearts with the memory of their devotion, that we also, being faithful unto death, may receive with them the crown of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

A short period of silence may be observed in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice.

Let us pray for the bereaved.

Lord Jesus, we beseech Thee, by the loneliness of Thy suffering on the Cross, be near unto all them that are desolate and bereaved. For the widow and the fatherless we pray, for all parents who have lost their children, for all whose loved ones have been taken from them. Reveal Thyself to each and all, and gather them into fellowship with Thyself, that they may find in Thee comfort in their sorrow, and the sure hope of the life that is to come. Amen.

9. Hymn.

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blest.
Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their
might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought
fight;
Thou in the darkness drear their one true
light.
Alleluia!

O blest communion! fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's
farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the count-
less host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia!

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